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Prior Application: T. ITO et al
Serial No. 10/022,238
Filed: December 20, 2001

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Examiner: A. Psitos
For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,
ENCLOSING CASING OF INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION
RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/022,238, filed on December 20, 2001, entitled INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, ENCLOSING CASING OF INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee						\$ 770.00
Total Claims	10	-	20	=	0 x 18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0 x 84	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$ 770.00

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3. A check including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, ten (10) sheets, Figs. 1-12.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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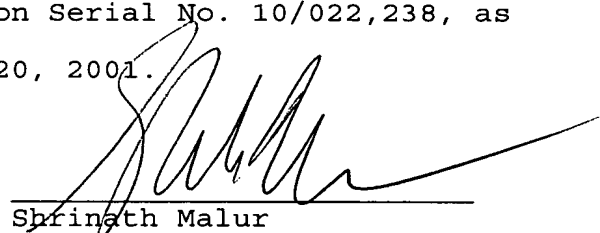
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 09-212880, filed August 7, 1997.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/022,238, as originally filed on December 20, 2001.



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